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TO : Director of Training
Through : C/OS/TR

DATE: 21 May 1959

FROM : CC/OS/TR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #20
13 May - 19 May 1959

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- a. Meeting with [REDACTED] on Covert
Training Annual Report

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I spent most of Friday and a great deal of Monday with [REDACTED] and subsequently some time with [REDACTED] in discussions of the annual report which I submitted last month. In accordance with it we have mapped out a program for the revision of our coverage of Tradecraft. I have gone on record with the flat demand that our coverage of Tradecraft will conform with the approach taken at [REDACTED] and that every effort will be made to make use of their materials insofar as they are appropriate and as soon as they can be adapted to our requirements. With this in mind the workload in accomplishing this task has been assigned and target dates established. I anticipate completion of this program insofar as it relates to Basic Tradecraft by 15 August 1959. This would include the preparation of the syllabus and the description of training in Clandestine Methods and Techniques for the proposed Catalogue. In addition, I have also discussed the need to organize our CI Familiarization material and I expect similarly to establish a program for its formalization within the next ten days.

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I would like to say that the discussions I had on this report afforded an excellent opportunity and vehicle for a discussion of our tasks and problems and I feel that as a result the key personnel have a better understanding of the job in Covert Training and how we expect to do it. I think it is particularly gratifying to realize that Messrs. [REDACTED] and myself see eye to eye on our problems and that the discussions reflect a mutual understanding of them, which should make for productive teamwork in our shop.

- b. Some Current Covert Training Problems and their Proposed Solutions

In the absence of capability to meet some of the crash requirements that are being given to us by the Clandestine Services some

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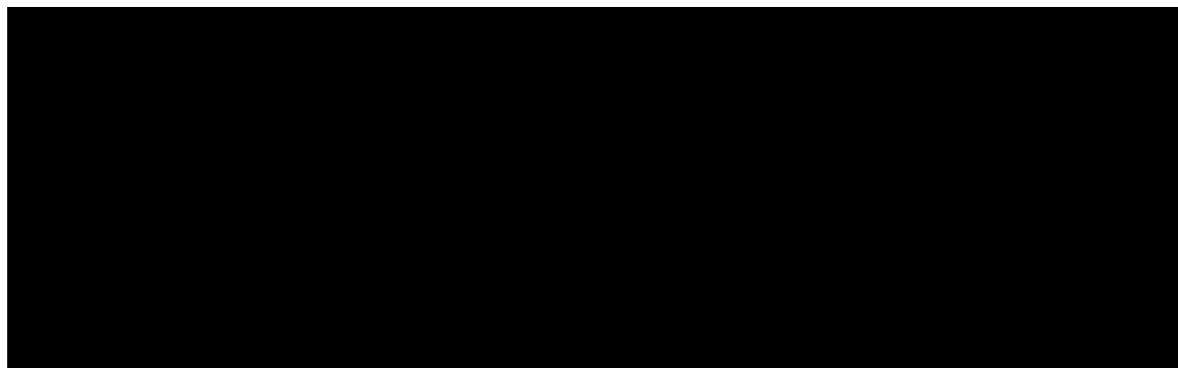
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interesting solutions and compromises have been found. I would like to cite for your information an EE request concerning a deep cover staffer whose training was to consist of "Covert Training in some CI subjects and two months worth of French". Essentially a "Covert Training Request" was submitted without proper approvals to get around the identification of the individual through the formal "green sheet" normally necessary for a staff employee on the grounds that to do so was "insecure". In this case it was finally determined that the coverage of so called CI subjects would in fact be merely a briefing for which the desk should assume a responsibility and that the two months of training in French could be accomplished through the normal commercial facilities which are available through [REDACTED] Language School. To make a long story short, a training problem of relatively simple character had been made a complicated Covert Training requirement. It was solved in the simple and direct manner which was quite in order and adequate in the first place.

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On a third crash requirement (an [REDACTED] project) in [REDACTED] which we will be unable to meet because of existing commitments and which it is claimed has reasonable priority, [REDACTED] and myself have suggested that [REDACTED] handle the training of the individual, making use of our materials and what support the [REDACTED] office may be able to give him.

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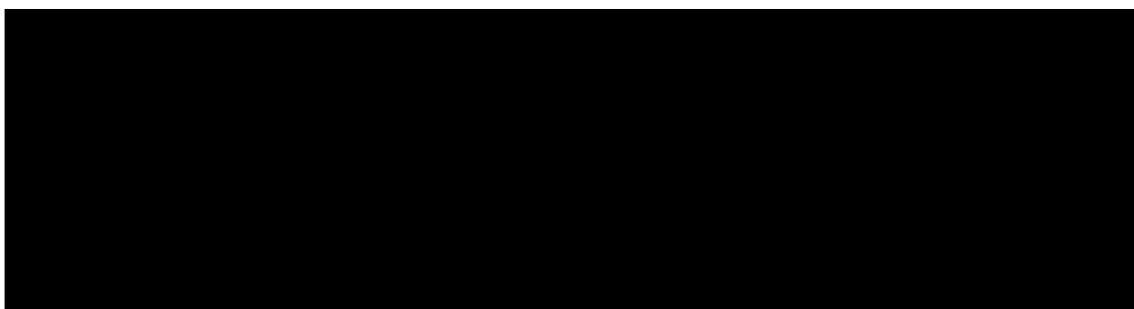
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